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In re Application of)
ZHELNIN and BLOOMQUIST) Group Art Unit: 1645
Serial No. 09/899,532) Examiner: S. Gucker
Filing Date: July 6, 2001) Docket No. 02973.00040

For: **HUMAN NEUROPEPTIDE Y-LIKE G PROTEIN-COUPLED RECEPTOR**

PETITION TO EXPUNGE INFORMATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.59

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Dear Sir:

Applicants responded on June 25, 2004 to an Office Action mailed February 25, 2004 in the application referenced above. The response included a Declaration of the inventors under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131, which included Exhibits 1-10. The Declaration was filed to establish that the inventors reduced the invention to practice before the March 2, 2000 publication date of a cited reference. The Declaration stated that the dates on Exhibits 1-10 had been redacted; however, the set of Exhibits 1-10 filed with the Declaration inadvertently contained dates.

A substitute Declaration with Exhibits 1-10 was filed July 6, 2004. The substitute Declaration itself is a copy of the one filed June 25, 2004; the accompanying Exhibits 1-10 were identical to those filed June 25, 2004 except that the dates were redacted.

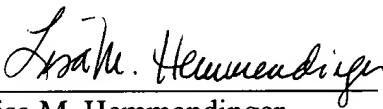
Applicants respectfully request that the Declaration and Exhibits 1-10 filed June 25, 2004 be expunged from the application file and returned to the undersigned. Applicants also respectfully request that all electronic copies of the June 25 Declaration and Exhibits 1-10 be deleted from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's computer systems.

Expungement is appropriate because the particular dates on Exhibits 1-10 are not necessary for a determination of whether the Declaration establishes reduction to practice before March 2, 2000.

Please charge the \$130.00 fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h) and any other fee which may be due to our Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Respectfully submitted,
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